

BRITISH FORCE IS OF MANY COLORS

Marori Contingent is Battling
Against Turks at Gal-
lipoli.

(By an Officer of the New Zealand
Contingent on Gallipoli).

PENINSULA OF GALLIOLI, Sept. 29.—About a month after the first landing at Gallipoli a group of men were sitting around the entrance to a dug-out on the seaward side of Gaba Tepe. In their midst squatted a Greek interpreter translating into very bad English some of the news contained in a story of the Constantinople newspaper Tanin. The article said:

"Information is still lacking as to the composition of the enemy's force but it appears from indications received from Europe that they must consist chiefly of black men from Africa and Australia. Thus the Straits for the first time in history have had to endure attack by cannibals."

No wonder the listening Australians and New Zealanders laughed uproariously.

The many-colored British force at Gallipoli has now been strengthened by the arrival of the Maori contingent, direct descendants of most chivalrous and warlike ancestors, to whom the poaka-roa, or "long pig," as a human joint was termed, was a much esteemed delicacy.

Anxious for Degrees.
Nowadays the Maori, instead of fattening his slaves on Mana Island, spends his time, if he is ambitious, in getting his M. A. degree or in passing his accountancy examinations.

These men who landed at Gaba Tepe are the first Polynesian troops to be brought overseas to fight for the mother country, and if the spirit of their ancestors still lives they will do it well. Back in the Maori wars the forebears of these dark-skinned khaki-clad warriors were besieged by British troops. The 65th regiment, it was said, down round the fort gates and prepared to charge on the men inside the pah.

The hikiite peep, as the Maoris called the besieging regiment, ran out of water first, and the situation was getting serious when the pallisade gates of the pah opened and a line of brown figures carrying shields filled with water approached the British trenches.

Fearing a ruse, the colonel of the 65th ordered his men to stand to arms, but the chief leading the water-bearers smiled. He made a courteous speech, in which he said naively that both parties hitherto had been enjoying themselves, and it would be a pity if so small a matter as lack of water should put a stop to what was really a most pleasant siege. Such a thing was unthinkable. There was abundance of water in the pah for both besieged and besiegers.

With further complimentary reference he took his leave, and the thirty hikiite peep watched the brown backs for a minute or two in amazement and then buried their faces in the cool gourd. The next morning

WOMAN DECORATED FOR BRAVERY AT FRONT



MRS. ALEXIS CARRELL

PARIS.—The wife of Dr. Alexis Carrell, of the Rockefeller institute of New York, has been decorated by the French war office for her bravery in nursing wounded soldiers under artillery fire in Compeigne recently.

Her husband, Dr. Carrell, has been connected with the American hospital in Paris since the beginning of the war. Previous to that he was at the head of the Rockefeller institute in New York.

The pah was empty, and the garrison had walked out a back way through what had looked like an impassable swamp. Only a few old women were left to shout and make a noise during the night.

Is Phenomenal Shot.
New the Maori fights with us, and he has exchanged his old Tower musket for the "Mark 11, Star L. E." with which he is a phenomenal shot.

In the afternoon the Maoris started to dig themselves in, and they made bivouacs in an old watercourse on the left flank. Near the beach two swarthy young privates, working with a will, dug into a Turkish grave—a grim reminder of the first days of the attack. It was their initial experience of the realities of war, and they went hurriedly and dug elsewhere.

Then the Pakeha (white man) general came along and addressed them, and afterwards occurred a scene that has no counterpart in the weird and varied annals of the Dardanelles.

The Maoris, privates and officers lined up. With protruding tongues and a rhythmical slapping of hands and thighs and chests, with a deep concerted "a—ah," ending abruptly, they began the Maori haka—the war dance. Shriill and high the leader intoned the solo parts, and the chorus crashed out.

ASK FOR REHEARING

Commission is Charged With Drop-
ping Prior Rules.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 29.—The interstate commerce commission is charged with having abandoned all its prior rules and standards in deciding the western rate case, in a petition for a rehearing and reargument of the case filed today by a committee representing the western roads.

The action of the commission to make a finding upon the question of adequacy of the carriers revenue was termed revolutionary. The denial of interstate rate increases on certain commodities because state rates on these commodities were lower was held to be a new doctrine, the one of which will be to delegate powers held by the federal government to the states and impair the prestige of the commission.

TWO MARINES KILLED

American Drowned and Another Slain
in Haiti.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 29.—The loss of two more American marines in Haiti today was reported to the navy department Tuesday by Admiral Caperton. Private Matthew I. Liptak of the Sixth company was accidentally drowned while swimming at Jeremie, near Port Au Prince. His body was recovered. The marines who were bringing the body to shore were fired upon from ambush and Sergt. Edward C. Thompson, Sixth company, was killed. Admiral Caperton expressed the belief that the shooting was done by outlaws.

GETS 99 YEARS.

NASHVILLE, Ga., Sept. 29.—Alex Ashford, negro, was found guilty of murder and sentenced to 99 years in the penitentiary for whipping his six-year-old daughter until she died. He narrowly escaped lynching at the hands of his own race.

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